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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[redacted] No information developed indicating that subject organization at Tampa, Florida, is presently controlled or infiltrated by members of the Tampa, Florida, branch of the Communist Party.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 26, 1944 at Miami, Florida

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 24, 1943 at Miami, Florida

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[redacted] advised that the NAACP still has an active organization in the Tampa, Florida, area; that they maintain an office at the C. M. E. Church (Rev. JAMES HOLSEY TERRELL) 1421 Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida; that Rev. H. C. STRACHAN, residence [redacted] Tampa

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Florida, is still the president of the organization. [redacted]

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[redacted] there is no indication that the NAACP at Tampa, Florida, is infiltrated or controlled by members of the Tampa, Florida, branch of the Communist Party.

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MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

At Miami, Florida, will continue to investigate the activity of the Miami Branch of instant organization in an attempt to ascertain whether or not there appears to be any Communist infiltration into the membership of the branch.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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The Richmond Branch of the NAACP has concluded its drive for new members. This drive was under the leadership of [redacted] Total figures showing the increase in membership not yet available. [redacted] attended a dinner in New York in honor of WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. u

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 8, 1944 at Richmond, Va.

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THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

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VIEWS and Reviews

By GEORGE S. SCHUYLER

(This column represents the personal opinion of Mr. Schuyler and in no way reflects the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier.—The Editors)

The annual gathering of the NAACP in Chicago this week makes timely a friendly critique of its programs, structure and achievements. Founded in 1909 by prominent Americans of varying hues, it is our largest and most influential social action group, and is in a position to play a dynamic role in the critical post-war period. It has recently concluded a drive for 500,000 members and probably had succeeded in getting them in a period when, fortuitously, Negroes have ample money along with plenty of racial consciousness.

The NAACP has won important legal defense cases, won moral victories in the anti-lynching and poll-tax drives, has sparked the teachers' equal pay drive; had won decisions in the U.S. Supreme Court outlawing the Grandfather Clause, residential segregation ordinances, Hly-white juries, white primaries and unequal educational facilities, and has headed the vigorous, although largely ineffective, fight for a square deal for Negroes from the so-called New Deal. It has been a force making for Negro unity, strength and self-appreciation because it has cut across lines of politics, sectionalism, creed and class. It has won the respect of all.

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This impressive record should not blind us to the association's failure to make better use of its opportunities to serve the group—a failure due to too much emphasis on wordy protest, mere legalism and the "virtues" of lobbying, to say nothing of antiquated structure and procedure pathetically lumbering along amid glaring examples of organizational efficiency, plus a strange superficial ideology.

Considering the post-war problems that will confront us, the NAACP would seem to badly need reorganization, modernized administrative machinery, greater division of executive responsibility, some decentralization of control, and much more popular authority.

Instead of the present handpicked, self-perpetuating and—expanding board of directors, most of whom are not answerable to any segment of the membership but are selected by 40 or 50 members at the almost farcial annual meetings from a previously-prepared list of nominees, it would be selected by the membership. The annual meeting should be held during the annual conference, and the board elected by the votes of the delegates and proxies, with say one vote for each 500 members, thus making the governing body truly representative instead of oligarchic. Only those who subscribe sincerely to the Hitlerian leadership principle will defend the present oligarchic set-up. It is paradoxical that we should so [illegible] the Southern oligarchy while our largest organization [illegible] with maintained!

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Not enough of the NAACP's time, money and energy have been spent on perfecting new tactics and strategy, on mass organization and education, on the training of leaders, or on constructive mass economic objectives, with the result that when Afranerica is struck by post-war problems, the association will be incapable of anything more than shrill protest to politicians by way of amelioration. There are wide areas of advancement which it has not touched and which, tragically enough, its leaders do not think it should touch, although it is clear that overnight granting to Negroes of all the abstract rights in the Constitution would little improve our condition immediately. Colored Latin Americans possess these rights and yet as a group, they are worse off than we are.

Carrying out one of our group's traditions, much too much of the association's energies have been spent as a mendicant, begging for justice, as others have begged for handouts of various kinds from virtually all school endowments. It is significant that it has never had a program of labor education, never carried on education of organization in consumers co-operation, never conceived of a program of Negro farm settlement as the Jews have done, never established a single slum or rural clinic to lessen disease, never dreamed of any concrete step to lessen illiteracy, nor attempted to break down the black ghettos by organizing and directing investment.

NAAC[illegible] leaders will doubtless be irked by these remarks since they do not accept criticism gracefully but are wont to construe it as "an attack" [illegible]. These things that many are thinking need public saying and it is fitting that one who has [illegible] the association at close range should say them.

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DATE: August 2, 1944

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY

Attached hereto are photostatic copies of a column entitled "VIEWS AND REVIEWS" by George S. Schuyler, which appeared in the July 15, 1944, issue of the Pittsburgh Courier, page 7. These photostats are attached for inclusion in the file on the subject organization.

In effect, the column, while complimenting the organization for its past record, criticizes the organization in a manner expressed by the following paragraphs of the column:

> "This impressive record should not blind us to the association's failure to make use of its opportunities to serve the group—the failure due to too much emphasis on wordy protest, mere legalism and the 'virtues' of lobbying, to say nothing of antiquated structure and procedure pathetically lumbering along amid shining examples of organizational efficiency, plus a strange superficial ideology."

Schuyler, in his column, points out, with respect to the Board of Directors and officials of this organization, the following:

> "Instead of the present handpicked, self-perpetuating and-expanding board of directors, most of whom are not answerable to any segment of the membership but are selected by 40 or 50 members at the almost farcial annual meetings from a previously-prepared list of nominees-it should be selected by the membership. The annual meeting should be held during the annual conference, and the board elected by the votes of the delegates and proxies, with, say one vote for each 500 members, thus making the governing body truly representative instead of oligarchic. Only those who subscribe, albeit secretly, to the Hitlerian leadership principle will defend the present oligarchic set-up. It is paradoxical that we should so loudly condemn the Southern oligarchy while our largest organization is similarly maintained!"

Later in his column, Schuyler criticizes the organizational tactics of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He claims that much too much of the association's energies have been spent as a mendicant begging for justice. He also states, "It is significant that it has never had a program of labor education, never carried on education or organization in consumers co-operation, never conceived of a program of Negro farm settlement as the Jews have done, never established a single slum or rural clinic to lessen disease, never dreamed of any concrete step to lessen illiteracy, nor attempted to break down the black ghettos by organizing and directing investment."

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From past information received by the Bureau, it would appear that Schuyler's criticism of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is well founded.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] Oklahoma City, dated 6-24-44.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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The Attorney General

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Jonathan Daniels
Administrative Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Daniels:

[redacted]

I thought you would be interested in the foregoing and, in the event any additional details are reported in this regard, they will be brought to your attention.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis of Facts:

NAACP conducting membership drive throughout S. C. and Georgia in connection with nation-wide drive of subject organization. Nine active branches and a membership of 15,000 reported existing in S. C. Fifth annual meeting of S. C. Conference of NAACP held at Sumter, S. C., June 11 and 12 to the theme, "Double Victory in Democracy - at Home and Abroad". WALKER WILKINS, the principal speaker on June 11, stated that "the day of persecution for the Negro race is terminating," but emphasized the fact that lawful rights should be acquired through peaceful means. [redacted]

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[redacted] Confidential informant advises that JAMES H. HINTON, S. C. State President of NAACP, at meeting in Florence, S. C., May 25, 1944, attacked the type of Negro leadership that is contented to advance the Negro by education and peaceful means and indicated firm action might be necessary in order for the Negro to vote.

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DETAILS:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been recently very active in the territory covered by the Savannah Field Division.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA:

In connection with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 's nation-wide membership campaign, extensive campaigns have been conducted during May and June of this year to increase the membership of this organization in South Carolina and Georgia.

JAMES M. HINTON, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the state of South Carolina, announced the beginning of the membership campaign on May 8, 1944, according to an item appearing in a Columbia newspaper.

Advertisements appearing in the "Lighthouse and Informer" urging membership in the organization suggested that check or money order be mailed to the South Carolina Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Box 1145, Columbia, South Carolina; and, that membership of the individual will be allotted to the proper branch.

These advertisements list the state roster of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's branches at the following places:

Aiken	Cheraw
Beaufort	Chester
Charleston	Clarendon County
Columbia	Darlington
Florence	Dorchester County
Georgetown	Greenville
New Berry	Rock Hill
Spartanburg	Sumter
Taylors	Walterboro

It is to be noted that informants advise that there are only nine active branches at present in the state of South Carolina.

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Much publicity has been given the drive in the various Negro newspapers. The following is an excerpt from the endorsement of the campaign by MRS. ANDREW T. SIMKINS appearing in the "Lighthouse and Informer", April 8, 1944:

"Endorsement of NAACP Membership Campaign for '44

"Along with the Negro press, the NAACP stands as one of the two most outstanding exponents of the belief that Democracy can be made a real and pulsating formula in American life.

"Join the NAACP now, fellow South Carolinians. Urge your friends to join. Subscribe for "The Crisis," the official publication of the organization. See that your friends read The Crisis. It is 'must" reading in a society built on the concept that "white" makes right.

"No Negro--no American who believes that America must be made safe and free for all Americans can afford not to belong to the NAACP!"

On June 13, 1944, the state newspaper at Columbia, South Carolina, carried a Associated Press article to the effect that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reported the membership in South Carolina at 15,000 with a goal of 100,000 members. The same article stated that the following are officers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People:

JAMES M. HINTON, Columbia, South Carolina, President
C. B. T. WILLIAMS, Sumter, South Carolina, Vice President
Reverend R. E. HROGTON, Charleston, South Carolina, Second Vice President
PRICE RILEY, Rock Hill, Third Vice President
LEVI G. BYRD, Cheraw, South Carolina, Treasurer
S. J. DONALD, JR., Sumter, South Carolina, Board Chairman.

An article from the "Lighthouse and Informer" on June 4, 1944, appearing on the front page entitled, "McCRAY Speaks at Sunday Meeting" indicates that the Reverend E. A. ADAMS of Columbia

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[redacted] is the president of the Columbia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The articles indicated that 550 new members have been added to the Columbia Branch for a total of 2,000, and that a campaign was under way to make the goal 5,000 at Columbia.

An item in the "Lighthouse and Informer", April 21, 1944, reflected that NOAH W. GRIFFIN, branch organizer for the national office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, arrived at Columbia, South Carolina, April 17, 1944, to remain in the state two weeks in the interest of increasing memberships. He arrived in Columbia from Savannah, Georgia, after completing several weeks' work in Georgia and Florida in the interest of the national drive. GRIFFIN, according to the article in the same paper, is a former executive secretary for the Florida State Teachers' Association, whose work led to the equalization of teacher's salaries in that state and who became connected with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People several months ago. He is described as the assistant field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. GRIFFIN was scheduled as the principal speaker at a city-wide mass meeting held by the Columbia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the Bethel AME church, Sunday, May 28, according to an item appearing in "Lighthouse and Informer".

NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA:

President of the Junior NAACP, sometimes referred to as the Youth Council, at Columbia, South Carolina, is Reverend ROBERT H. WILSON. According to articles printed in "Lighthouse and Informer" on May 26, 1944, he said the council hoped to increase membership from 225 to 500. Membership for youths, one to eighteen, costs fifty cents per year. JOHN H. McCRAY, editor of "Lighthouse and Informer" was scheduled speaker at meeting of youth council held at Zion Baptist Church at Columbia on May 28, 1944.

An article appearing in "Lighthouse and Informer", April 28, 1944, indicates that THURGOOD MARSHALL, speaker, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, would arrive in South Carolina between May 29 and 31 to draw up strategy for the vote case to be brought against the White Democratic Primary by the Negro Citizens' Committee.

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DARLINGTON BRANCH

According to Articles in "Lighthouse and Informer", May 28, , 1944, 123 new members were taken in at a meeting of the Darlington Branch held May 21, 1944. Seventy-nine of these new members were juniors. NOAH W. GRIFFIN, the principal speaker at the meeting, was accompanied by the state president JAMES H. HINTON.

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA:

According to an article appearing in the "Lighthouse and Informer", April 28, 1944, the Georgetown Branch has a reported membership of 400 persons. The membership drive was reported to be in progress, and it was hoped that the membership would be increased to 1,000.

"Lighthouse and Informer", May 30, reported a meeting of the Georgetown branch held at the Bethesda Baptist Church on May 21 at which the principal speaker was WALTER J. MCNEIGHT, Chairman of the Executive Committee. A schedule of canvassing to be conducted until June 30 was set up in which it was expected the membership might be increased to 1,000. The schedule of the canvassing dates was listed as follows:

Monday, June 5, at the home of MR. [illegible]SBITT
June 4, at Parkerville
June 11, Sampit
June 18, at Plantersville
June 25, at Andrews
June 30, at Georgetown.

KINGSTREE

"Lighthouse and Informer", June 18, 1944, reported that JAMES H. HINTON would speak Sunday, June 18, 1944, at Kingstree, at a meeting in which that town would organize its first chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The article stated that efforts were underway to establish both senior and junior chapters on the occasion. The article also mentioned that HINTON was scheduled to speak Thursday in Camden, South Carolina, where a chapter was to have been set up.

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A National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Chapter was set up at Orangeburg on June 9, 1944, according to an article in "Lighthouse and Informer", dated June 11, 1944. Fifty-three charter members joined the organization at the meeting held in Trinity ME. Church, whose pastor is the Reverend M. MAN.

JAMES M. HINTON, Reverend J. P. RUFFIN, and ROBERT L. WILSON of Columbia conducted the setting-up ceremony. The following officers were elected according to the newspaper article:

Reverend F. M. SIMS, President
MISS CASSANDRA E. ADAMS, Vice President
Doctor T. M. BEST, Secretary
MRS. J. C. PALMER, Assistant Secretary
ROBERT WRIGHT, Treasurer

WALTERBORO:

President of the Walterboro National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is Reverend C. P. STILLING. "Lighthouse and Informer" reported on April 28, 1944, that JOHN H. McCRAY was guest speaker at a meeting of the branch held May 21 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, whose pastor is Doctor MILLER. Thirty-four persons took new memberships at the meeting. A membership and subscription to the "Crisis", official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was given to state senator R. M. JEFFRIES, and a like membership to Mayor H. H. SWEAT of Walterboro.

AT FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on April 14, 15, and 19, 1944:

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b7C advised that since the convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which was held in Florence approximately a year ago, no further official meetings have been held insofar as he knows. He pointed out that the group was organized to a certain extent in Florence, but that it never had an office or published its local membership.

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b7C [redacted] advised that there is in Florence a branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which is affiliated with the state organization. She pointed out that the state headquarters and the state officers are located in Columbia, South Carolina, and stated that the group in Florence had not been too active since the con-

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vention was held in the city about a year ago.

b7D [redacted] stated that he is not in accord with the methods being followed by the association in furthering the development of the colored people of the state. He pointed out that the power of the organization has grown extensively in South Carolina during the latter part of 1943 and the first months of 1944. He attributed its success to the campaign conducted by the "Lighthouse and Informer", a newspaper published for the colored people in Columbia, South Carolina, which is distributed throughout the state in the interest of the N.A.A.C.P, but the success of the organization is attributed to the strong campaign which has been conducted by the newspaper itself.

The informant advised that the association has [redacted] advocated the theory that any Negro who [redacted] in accord with [redacted] an active believer in the association is afraid of the white [redacted] and is "a white man's nigger". As a consequence the great masses of the uneducated or partly educated colored people have followed in line with this theory, and appeals have also been made to them on the basis that northern Negroes have many more privileges than do the southern ones.

b7D b2 [redacted] advised that the intelligent, educated class of negro in South Carolina knows that the [redacted] is not true and that [redacted] group is not in accord with this method of advancing the condition of the colored race.

[redacted] pointed out that in 1943, the South Carolina Colored Teachers Association did not contribute anything to the N.A.A.C.P, but that during the present year such group has contributed substantial sums of money because of the large popularity of the N.A.A.C.P which has forced them to take some interest in it. It was pointed out that the Florence County Teachers Association has not yet contributed to the N.A.A.C.P, but that it was his opinion that they would if called upon to do so.

It was stated that the most active member of the N.A.A.C.P in the Florence territory is C[redacted]E LEVY (phonetic), who is the wealthy daughter of an old colored physician in Florence. She is very active in the work of the association

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The informant stated that many colored people in Florence who would not otherwise be members, belonged to the N.A.A.C.P because of the increasing amount of pressure placed upon them by the association and the popularity it now enjoys among the masses of the colored race. He stated that once each month the [redacted] members in Florence are since real interested in the association meet in various churches in the city. However, only ten or twenty persons attend such meetings.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Florence on May 25 and 29, 1944:

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[redacted] advised that as a member of the N.A.A.C.P he has taken some part in the activities of the association in and around Florence. He said that the local organization consists of some two hundred members, and during the month of May, 1944, the association throughout the nation is carrying on a concentrated drive to increase the national membership from the estimated 200,000, which it now has, to 500,000 members. [redacted] the local group meets in Florence about once a month each time at a different colored church in the city. In discussing the purposes of the N.A.A.C.P, which he said is the obtaining of equal privileges, rights, and opportunities for the Negroes, he pointed out that on two occasions in the past the local group has acted in behalf of one or more colored persons, and he cited as an example the case of a Negro woman who was ejected from a train in Florence. At the time, she was ill and refused to leave the train when requested to do so by the conductor. She was then forced to leave, and it was later necessary to place her in a hospital. The N.A.A.C.P intervened in her behalf and contacted the railroad officials; and, as a result of such contact, the railroad officials were unusually nice to her and placed her immediately on a train to complete her trip. [redacted] the association does not advocate the use of any force or violence and stated that to his knowledge there has been no foreign-inspired source of agitation present

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advised that on May 28, 1944, the local chapter of the association held a mass meeting at the Negro church located on Coit Street, the
b7C minister of which is Reverend J. W. TAYLOR, [redacted] A large number of persons was in attendance at this meeting for the purpose of hearing one HINTON of Columbia, South Carolina. HINTON is the president of the Pilgrim Insurance Company and is the head of the state organization of the NAACP; [redacted]

b7C { [redacted] At the meeting, HINTON talked to the attendants at length on the obtaining of equal rights and privileges for the colored and one definite statement that he made during the course of his talk was that the Negroes are going to vote "if we have to knock the white people over the head to do it." The informant knew of no other words advocating violence that were used in the meeting, but he stated that this type of speech appeals to and excites the non-thinking, uneducated Negro, and that because of such tactics, the NAACP is growing stronger and the membership is greatly increasing. It was also pointed out that HINTON attacked Negro educators and leaders who are trying to elevate the colored race and obtain their just rights for them through education, work, and entirely lawful and peaceful means.

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b7D [redacted] advised that the president of the local group in Florence is JOHN J. THOMAS, an employee of the Post Office in Florence, and the secretary is J. C. HUGGINS, a Negro minister,

b7C { who resides at [redacted] He stated, however, [redacted] that the leaders and motivating forces in the local association are:

CAMILLE LEVY, daughter of a well-fixed colored physician
JAMES MILLER, a teacher at the Homes School in east Florence
R. J. WILSON, a colored physician
and probably
MRS. ANDY HUGGINS, whose husband was president of the local group before he went into the United States Navy.

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b7D [redacted] stated that he knew of no Communist or other foreign element in the local group, but that it is true that the NAACP, as evidenced by HINTON'S statement, has advocated the use of other than

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entirely peaceful means to obtain its stated purposes.

At an annual conference at Sumter, South Carolina, June 11 and 12, 1944:

"Lighthouse and Informer", on April 28, 1944, carried an article stating that the annual meeting of the South Carolina Conference of the N.A.C.P would be held at Sumter, South Carolina on June 11 and 12, and that all sessions would be scheduled to be held at Mount Pisgah at Sumter. The item suggested that those delegates expecting to attend, who desired arrangements for lodging, write JOSEPH RICHARDSON, 209 West Oakland Avenue, Sumter, South Carolina, for arrangements.

b7C [redacted] The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Sumter, South Carolina:

The fifth annual meeting of the South Carolina Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was held at the Mount Pisgah Methodist Church at 217 West Bartlette Street, Sumter, South Carolina, on June 11 and 12, 1944. The theme of the convention was "Double Victory - Democracy at Home and Abroad".

b2 b7D [redacted] advised that the convention was opened on the afternoon of June 11 by the president of the N.A.C.P of South Carolina, J.ARIS M. HINTON. There were in attendance approximately 400 delegates representing nineteen N.A.C.P branches in South Carolina, [redacted] stated that in reality there were but nine active branches and ten inactive branches. According to statistical reports of the secretary, these 400 delegates represented some 15,000 members throughout South Carolina. It was stated at the convention that it is the goal of the N.A.C.P in South Carolina to attain a membership of 100,000 members. It was commented upon by HINTON that this goal should be attained since the membership requirements were practically nil and the initiation fee but $1 per year.

The officers, who presided at the opening session, [redacted] were J.A.M. HINTON, Columbia, South Carolina, President; MRS. M. B. ROBINSON, Charleston, Secretary; LEVI G. DAVID, Charleston, Treasurer; and S. J. McDONALD, Sr., Sumter, Chairman.

Throughout the conference, [redacted] related a religious theme predominated. It is believed [redacted] that this was due to the fact that most of the Negro ministers of Sumter belong to the N.A.C.P and, therefore, all had to appear on the program to alleviate any misunderstanding.

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During the two-day convention, the following Sumter ministers took part:

J. J. FOSTER, Pastor, Congruity Presbyterian Church
J. B. JENNINGS, Pastor, Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church
R. E. L. SMITH
H. H. HAVIN, Pastor, Liberty Street Baptist Church
R. L. POPE
P. E. MINCO, Pastor, Emanuel Methodist Church
E. C. WRIGHT

The main issue that confronted the delegated at the opening session, [redacted] was the drafting of a protest to be sent to the Governor, OLIN D. JOHNSON, regarding the scheduled execution on June 16, 1944, of the fourteen year old Negro youth, GEORGE JUNIUS STINNEY of Alcolu, South Carolina, who murdered and attacked two small white girls with a railroad spike.

[redacted] mentioned the fact that HINTON stated that the CIO Tobacco Workers Union, the National Maritime Union, and the White and Negro Ministerial Unions of Charleston, South Carolina, had also joined in protest of the scheduled execution.

The principal speaker of the Sunday session was JOHN WILKINS, Assistant Secretary of the N.A.C.P. and editor of its official publication, "The Crisis". [redacted] stated that WILKINS reviewed the history of the Negro, relating how the Negro has always been disregarded as a personality both civically and politically in this country and added that the day of persecution for the Negro race was terminating. He extolled the efforts of the N.A.C.P. in fighting the cause of the Negro and criticized Representative JOHN L. LONG, of Union, South Carolina, as well as W. T. BILL of the Charleston News and Courier, Governor JOHNSON, and Senator E. D. SMITH for their dogmas on white supremacy in the South.

WILKINS stressed the fact that the Negro in South Carolina was still practically a slave to the white man, and that the N.A.C.P., with the assistance of all the Negroes, would win their rights through the courts. [redacted] stated that WILKINS emphasized the fact that the Negro did not desire to acquire his lawful rights through revolution but would do so by lawful court procedure.

[redacted] a business session was held on the morning of June 12 at which session S. J. McDONALD, Chairman of the Board presided. The presidents of the local branches attended this session at which time reports were made of the progress of the N.A.C.P. [redacted] the resources from which the State N.A.C.P. derives its money, aside from

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membership dues, were not disclosed, as was not the financial report of the organization. It was [redacted] belief that the state organization derives some financial assistance from local white citizens who are in sympathy with the Negro cause.

[redacted] it was his understanding that such questions as the equalization of the South Carolina Teachers' salaries and the Negro voting rights in the State Democratic Primaries were discussed before the open session of the delegates.

At the election of officers, J. M. HINTON was unanimously re-elected president, B. T. WILLIAMS, Sumter, First Vice President, Reverend B. I. GRIGSBY, Charleston, Second Vice President, PRINCE RILEY, Rock Hill, Third Vice President, O. E. McCAIN, Sumter, Fourth Vice President, JIM DANIELS, Georgetown, Secretary, MODJESKA SIMKINS, Assistant Secretary, LEVI G. BYRD, Chairman, Treasurer, and S. J. McDONALD, SR., Sumter, Chairman of the Board.

[redacted] stated that HINTON reported to the delegates that forty members were inducted into the Sumter organization bringing the membership to approximately 500. He also stated that $211 had been collected from among the delegates to be used to continue the Negro Teachers' cause. b2 b7D

The Monday afternoon session, [redacted] was devoted to the Youth Division of the N.A.A.C.P. C. C. COLE of Charleston and Reverend HOBART R. WILSON, President of the Columbia Youth Council of the N.A.A.C.P, led the discussion. The afternoon was devoted to an open discussion, "What Can Negro Youth Contribute for Minority Groups". The fact was stressed that the present youth was the most potent influential weapon of the N.A.A.C.P and of the Negro race. Of the 500 youths present, all were urged to obtain new members in order to gain added strength to further the cause of the race. Each branch of the N.A.A.C.P has its youth branch whose members are taken into the parent organization when they become of age. [redacted] believed this age to be twenty-one years. [redacted] stated that all speakers stressed the fact that the Negro cause could not be attained or furthered by force or violence but must be attained by concerted group effort through legal proceedings.

At the concluding session, the principal address was given by MRS. ANDREW W. SIMKINS, Columbia, whose topic was "The Old Order Changeth".

[redacted] MODJESKA SIMKINS is very prominent in State affairs and is a member of the executive board of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, the executive committee of the South Carolina

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N.A.C.P., secretary of the South Carolina Teachers' Defense Fund, a fund set up to equalize white and Negro pay rates. She is also a representative of the South Carolina Young Republicans Federation and has been active in the Negro South Carolina Tuberculosis Association. [redacted] stated that when Governor JOHNSON called the South Carolina House of Representatives to Columbia in order to nullify all South Carolina primary voting laws for the purpose of precluding any Negro voting, MODJESKA SIMKINS challenged the Governor to a debate which challenge was never acknowledged.

The following excerpts were obtained from MRS. SIMKINS' speech:

"The Old Order Changeth" - MRS. MODJESKA F. SIMKINS

"I regret, we regret that certain "political" leaders in South Carolina claim that outsiders in the form of "smart northern Negroes", "Damned Yankees", and the "radical Negro press" have incited and agitated "their" Negroes. We who form the spearhead of the New Order for Negroes in South Carolina, we who "agitate" in South Carolina are all southern Negroes, many being native South Carolinians.

"The insults, the smears, the demagoguery, the utter disregard of the rights of citizens and freemen for Negroes in South Carolina, the shortsightedness of many of South Carolina's own politicians, and their feigned or perhaps conscious belief that we shall continue to take it all lying down, form the composite source of the "agitation".

"But, the old order changeth to make way for the new. South Carolina's diehards and slaves to the old order, be they black or white, will either change or they shall be trodden down in their stagnant thought tracks. For us, there is no turning back. Our forefathers, our sons, and our brothers have fought through the generations for the support and protection of the Constitution of the United States of America, and we intend to live by that Constitution - in South Carolina.

"To us the fight for our rights as Negro citizens in South Carolina is just an infinitesimal part of the world revolution for the enjoyment of human rights by the masses everywhere. There is, finally, no color line in fascism. Fascists will lash any back, exploit any people. The masses everywhere know that.

"There is developing among the masses throughout the world an interlacing of interests, ideals, and sympathies, which shall bind

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them closer regardless of color or of previous condition. And, may I say that the peoples of color predominate in these masses. No longer to us, to peoples of color anywhere is the nauseating concept of "white supremacy" of any concern. Outstanding authorities on world trends and problems have conceded long ago that "white supremacy"is at an end.

"The white peoples of the earth, the perennial exploiters of continents and social orders must now adjust themselves to what they will call radical change in a world of color. Do I mean "color" supremacy? No. I mean the supremacy of human rights, where man of color also shall be crowned with glory on merit alone just as all other men should be."

Also discussed at the convention was the formation of the new Progressive Negro Democratic Party of South Carolina which was organized for the purpose of giving Negroes representation on the South Carolina Democratic Party's delegation at Chicago on July 19, 194[illegible]. It was announced, [redacted] that plans had been formulated to send a full delegation to the Chicago convention.

[redacted] advised that there were no white citizens in attendance at the conference. [redacted] said that as far as he knew the communists had not as yet infiltrated the South Carolina N.A.A.C.P although some of the members spoke and act as though they might possibly be influenced by some northern agitators.

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The prominent influential personages at the convention, [redacted] were J. M. HINTON, MODJESKA SIMKINS, S. J. McDONALD, SR. and ROY [illegible]. As far as is known, [redacted] none of these persons are professed, or in sympathy with, communists nor was there any outward sign of pressure from northern groups.

It was also stated at the convention that law suits were contemplated in Sumter and Orangeburg for equalization of white and Negro teachers' salaries. Mention was also made of the N.A.A.C.P's successful fight in Charleston, South Carolina, in which equal salaries were granted by the courts.

[redacted] concluded that there were N.A.A.C.P branches in Aiken, Beaufort, Charleston, Chester, Chester, Clarendon County, Summerton Columbia, Darlington, Dorchester County, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Kingstree, Rock Hill, Spartanburg, Sumter, Taylors, and Walterboro. Negro citizens in Camden are also contemplating the formation of a branch in the near future.

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It is to be noted that according to an article carried in the Tribune, June 9, 1944, MRS. [redacted] SIMKINS (MODJESKA MONTEITH) is a member of the executive committee of the South Carolina Conference of NAACP, a member of the executive board of the Southern Negro Youth Conference, and was designated to represent the South Carolina Young Republican Federation at the National Republican Convention in Chicago, commencing June 26, 1944. She is also mentioned as being secretary of the South Carolina Teachers' Defense Fund of the NAACP and a charter member of the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated.

An article printed in "Lighthouse and Informer", June 18, 1944, written by JAMES J. FOSTER, staff correspondent, regarding the NAACP Convention in Sumter on the previous Sunday was captioned, "Revolution without Blood - Object of Race Today". In the article, ROY WILKINS, editor of "Crisis" magazine is quoted as having told the 400 delegates attending the convention that," We are engaged in a revolution - one being fought without the shedding of blood but through the courts of the land". According to the article, WILKINS had said that the NAACP had won nine out of twelve cases taken before the Supreme Court. He said that South Carolina's big problem was that it was ruled by a few white men who leave the majority of the citizenry "taxed but not represented". He is said to have criticized such officials as Senator TOM SMITH and BURNETT R. MAYBANK in turning to the scheduled execution of fourteen year old JUNIOR EMMEY for the death of two small white girls at Alcolu. He expressed the belief that were he white, his punishment would have been no more than that of a sixteen year old white boy at Parris Island who raped and killed a five year old girl a few months ago and was sentenced to twenty years. The article states that nearly $200 was raised by the convention to aid in the Equal Pay for Teachers Case and that MR. HINTON said he had received $59 from teachers enrolled in Morris College for the same purpose. Each additional branch is to raise $100 for this purpose by September 15, and the Youth Council is expected to contribute $500. The list of officers elected for the year is the same as [redacted] set out above. The statement points out that the 1945 Convention will be held in Columbia, South Carolina.

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A STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

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[redacted] The same newspaper item reports that at this convention, a State Youth Conference was organized with the following officers: [redacted]

Reverend ROBERT WILSON, President
MISS [illegible]ROGDON, Vice President
MISS [illegible]NELSON, of Sumter, Secretary
MISS NELSON, of Florence, Treasurer

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] in the Sumter, South Carolina area:

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AT SUMMERTON:

[redacted] advised that there is a branch of the NAACP located in Summerton which at present is inactive. He related that the local president is Reverend WILLIAM [illegible]. THOMPSON, who is pastor of the Liberty Hill Negro Methodist Church in Sumter [redacted]

[redacted] the Summerton branch was formed at the behest of the Sumter Club [redacted] termed as a very active group. He said the local group was organized about twelve months ago at the time when the headquarters of the NAACP in New York was endeavoring to secure 500,000 new members.

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Upon its initial organization, [redacted] the Summerton branch of the NAACP was very active and succeeded in developing a membership of about fifty members. [redacted] as the branch grew the officers failed to schedule frequent meetings and only concerned themselves with collecting the $1 monthly dues from the members. As a result, [redacted] the members became disinterested and that at the present time the Summerton branch is considered to be inactive.

[redacted] it was the purpose of certain Negro citizens in Charleston County, South Carolina, to form a branch of the NAACP in order that they might first of all better their own position as well as to contribute and assist in the advancement of the Negro race in the entire South. Due to the exploitation on the part of some of the officers with the funds contributed by the members, the branch became inactive because of the resentment on the part of the members of the activities of the officers.

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[redacted] related that there was no bran-

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of the NAACP in Camden, South Carolina. [redacted] related that the headquarters for the NAACP in South Carolina was Columbia. Other active branches within the state are located in Charleston, Spartanburg, Sumter, Cheraw, Bennettsville, Florence, and Darlington.

[redacted] related that although it was his opinion that the leaders of the State NAACP were not imbued with communism, nevertheless, the policy and directives as issued by the National Headquarters in New York were communistic in that the NAACP strove only to advance a minority group of the Negro population, thereby overlooking the basic needs of the poor, illiterate majority group of the Negroes. [redacted] cited the fact that the NAACP furnished funds in order to secure equal pay rates among the Negro and white teachers in South Carolina; but, at the same time, overlooked the crying need to educate thoroughly the southern ignorant Negro. He further based his opinion that the NAACP was infiltrated with the communistic ideology in the fact that letters were directed to most of the leading Negroes of the South from Richmond, Virginia, requesting that the Negroes send letters into the President of the United States demanding him to cancell deportation proceedings against MRS. HARRY BRIDGES as well as protesting the action already taken in her case. He stated that it was his understanding that every member of the NAACP received such a letter.

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With regards to the Sumter Branch, [redacted] related that it has one of the most active branches in the state and works in close cooperation with Columbia. He stated that the Sumter Branch was going to bring civil proceedings against the County of Darlington in order to make the County provide busses for the Negro children's transportation to and from school. [redacted] continued that the Sumter Branch pushed this proceeding in Darlington South Carolina, to such an extent that the NAACP branch in Darlington was jeopardized by the ill will of the white citizens and as a result became inactive. When questioned concerning the source from which the Sumter Branch secured funds to prosecute such cases, [redacted] related that the Negro citizens donated as well as certain white citizens in Sumter. He added that there are also some white citizens in Columbia who also contribute to the NAACP.

[redacted] listed the following Negroes who hold officer positions in the Sumter Branch of the NAACP:

Board of Directors

S. B. McDONALD, Chairman

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L. H. TOBIN
JOSEPH RICHARDSON
Mrs. M. B. POGUE
Mrs. ANNIE SANDERS
Dr. E. C. JONES
M. L. BOYKIN

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JAMES T. McCAIN, President
[redacted]
S. D. McDONALD, Vice President
[redacted]
JOHNNIE MILLS, Vice President
[redacted]
Mrs. LUCILLE EVANS, Secretary
[redacted]
Dr. D. T. MILLS, Treasurer
[redacted]
O. E. McCAIN, Executive Secretary
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[redacted] at a recent meeting held in Sumter, eighty-eight new members were taken into the club and twenty-five members were added to the youth organization of the N.A.C.P. He added that recently the Florence Branch of the N.A.C.P recruited almost 500 new members at a meeting held at the Cumberland Methodist Church. [redacted] Mrs. CAMILLE C. LEVI is the most active member in the Florence Branch.

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA CHAPTER:

The office of the president of the Savannah Chapter of the NAACP as appearing on a letterhead is located at 23 Montgomery Street. The letterhead lists the following officers:

Reverend RALPH M. A GILBERT, President
JOHN S. BELL, JR., Secretary
Miss Nellie Mae GIBBS, Assistant Secretary
WALTER SCOTT, Treasurer

It will be noted that the above address, 23 Montgomery Street, listed as headquarters of the office of the president, is the First African Baptist Church of which Reverend GILBERT is pastor. This church is the center of a great deal of Negro activity highly publicized in Savannah's only Negro newspaper, the Savannah Tribune.

The Savannah Morning News, on June 30, 19[illegible], carried an article on page 10 captioned "Here and There among the Colored People", saying that a mass meeting of all colored registered voters in Savannah and

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and Chatham County will be held in the First African Baptist Church on the evening of June 30, 1944, for the purpose of giving certain citizenship instructions. The meeting is being called by Doctor RALPH KARR GILBERT, President of the NAACP, Doctor N. [redacted] HOLSEY, Chairman of the Committee on Political Action of that body, and J. J. McGLOCKTON of the same committee.

According to articles appearing in the Savannah Tribune, April 27, 1944, a large mass meeting was to be held at the First African Baptist Church in order to start the NAACP membership drive in Savannah. On May 12, 1944, Judge WILLIAM H. HASTIE was scheduled to be the principal speaker. HASTIE is described as the dean of the school of law of Howard University and legal consultant to such association. He is described as the first Negro to be appointed to judge in a United States Federal Court, serving in the Virgin Islands.

On April 27, 1944, an item appeared in the Savannah Tribune reporting a mass meeting of the Youth Council of the NAACP held at West Broad Street YMCA on the previous Tuesday evening. According to this item, JOHN [redacted] GADSON is president of the Youth Council, MISS JOSEPHINE [redacted], Publicity Chairman, and MRS. STELLA A. [redacted] GRAVES, Counselor of the group. J. [redacted] DOCK, Grand Master of the Masons of Georgia, was the principal speaker of the meeting and urged youths and adults to register at once as qualified voters.

An item appearing in the Savannah Tribune, April 27, 1944, reported that the membership committee of the Savannah Branch was making a house to house campaign in that as many as possible every Negro in the city would be canvassed.

According to an article appearing in the Savannah Tribune, Doctor CHARLOTTE H. [redacted] BROWN, President of the Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, North Carolina, was scheduled as speaker of the evening at a meeting to be held by the NAACP at the First African Baptist Church, June 16.

b1 [redacted] was contacted for information concerning the Savannah Branch of the NAACP with negative results.

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[redacted] remarked that Doctor MARK GILBERT is, in his opinion, the spearhead of Negro activity in Savannah. [redacted] heard GILBERT'S address at the dedication of the athletic field in Savannah several months ago and observed the definite control he created over his audience. [redacted] stated that GILBERT said nothing of a subversive nature at the meeting but gave the impression of one trying to arouse his Negro audience. GILBERT stated that he had just returned from the west coast where a white woman asked why the Negro didn't go back to Africa. With effective dramatics, he stated that he told her that when the English go back to England, the Irish go back to Ireland, and the American Indians have their land returned to them, the Negroes will go back to Africa. [redacted] stated that MARK GILBERT had made the boast that a campaign would be conducted to get 15,000 members into the NAACP in Savannah. [redacted] stated that it was his opinion the campaign fell short of GILBERT'S expectations.

[redacted] advised that to the best of his knowledge as of the middle of June 1942, the Savannah Branch of the NAACP had about 7,000 members.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that there is no branch of the NAACP in Augusta at the present time. He cited the case of a Negro named JOHN HOCS, who has taken the Georgia bar examinations several times and is believed to have passed but has been denied admission. He stated that the NAACP branch at Atlanta is handling this particular matter because there is no representative located nearer to Augusta.

WAYNESBORO, GEORGIA:

[redacted] advised that the nearest chapter of the NAACP is at Atlanta, Georgia, and that one C. L. HARPER, a school teacher, is president of that chapter.

[redacted] GEORGIA:

[redacted] advised that she had been a member of the NAACP at Augusta, Georgia, [redacted] paying $1 dues. At that time most of the leading Negroes in the community were members. She did not know whether the chapter at Augusta still was in existence or not.

MILLEN, GEORGIA:

[redacted] advised that she understood that the NAACP was active both in Augusta and Savannah, but she did not know the names of officers or members of either of these chapters and was not familiar with their work.

The following investigation was conducted in Brunswick, Georgia, on April 3 and May 23, 1944, by Special Agent [redacted]

The following persons said that subject organization has no branch in Brunswick at the present time, and that to date it has not been active in that town:

[redacted]

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The SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION, at Savannah, Georgia and all resident agencies, will discreetly develop information as to the identity of the leaders and sizes of the branches of the WCP, and will through confidential sources ascertain information as to any subversive influences that may exist in the leadership or makeup of any of these branches.

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FILE NO. 100-5423

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GRAND RAPIDS	8/30/44	8/29/44	[redacted]

TITLE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN THE GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No summer activity of NAACP in Grand Rapids. Officers of Benton Harbor, Michigan chapter of NAACP and Junior chapter at Niles, Michigan set out. Additional information on Kalamazoo, Michigan chapter fails to indicate Communist Party infiltration. [redacted]

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DATE OF REVIEW 10-6-83

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 6/23/44 at Grand Rapids.

DETAILS: AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [redacted] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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[redacted]

b7D [redacted] advised that the officers of the Benton Harbor, Michigan branch of the NAACP are as follows:

President	-	RUSSELL BRUCE
Vice President	-	DOVE BRUCE
Secretary	-	MANARD ALLEN
Treasurer	-	JOHN TINSDALE

b7D [redacted] furnished the following information concerning the Junior chapter of the NAACP at Niles, Michigan. At the present time the Junior chapter has fifteen members and the meetings are conducted at the homes of the different members on Sunday afternoons between 3:00 and 5:00 P.M. Membership is composed of young negroes between the ages of 13 and 21. The following are the officers:

President	-	LEWIS WEBSTER
Vice President	-	MARY GAY
Secretary	-	LOIS DIXON
Ass't. Secretary	-	FRANK TRAVICK
Treasurer	-	BARBARA JACKSON
Financial Secretary	-	ROBERT DIXON, JR.
Membership Committee	-	HENRY CURRY and CLIFFORD JACKSON
Publicity & Entertainment Committee	-	SHIRLEY FLINT and DOLLY TRAVICK

[redacted] failed to disclose any Communist Party infiltration or activity in the Kalamazoo chapter of the NAACP. He stated that there were seventy-eight members in Kalamazoo, although the estimated negro population of that city was 2,000.

b7D b7C [redacted] advised that the Vice President of the Kalamazoo chapter was GEORGE HILL, [redacted] Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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The names of the officers mentioned in this report have been checked through the Grand Rapids indices wit negative results.

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GRAND RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION

At Grand Rapids, Michigan, will follow and report the activities of the NAACP in Grand Rapids and further Communist infiltration.

At Benton Harbor, Michigan, will ascertain the names of the executive committee of the NAACP [redacted]

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* At Kalamazoo, Michigan, will continue to report on the activities of the NAACP chapter at Kalamazoo.

* At Muskegon, Michigan, will ascertain the names of the executive committee and the remainder of the officers of the NAACP and [redacted]nue to report Communist activities in that chapter.

* At Niles, Michigan, will ascertain the names of the officers and executive committee of the NAACP [redacted]

* At Cass County, Michigan, will attempt to ascertain the meeting place of the NAACP in Cass County, the officers and executive committee [redacted]

In all of the above leads concerning the NAACP, the frequency and places of meeting should be determined

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United States Department of Justice
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August 5, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION,
13th District
San Francisco Field Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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In the event any additional details are reported in this regard, they will be brought to your attention.

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cc - Assistant Chief of Staff
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War Department
Washington, D. C.
Attention: [redacted] b7C

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CO[illegible] INFILTRATION IN THE [illegible] ASSOCIATION
[illegible] ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE GRAND
RAPIDS FIELD DIVISION
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SAC HOBBITT

This file reflects the activities of the Communist Party in infiltrating the NAACP in the Grand Rapids Field Division. The file is assigned and receiving current attention, the last report prior to the inspection date being submitted as of June 23, 1948.

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In this report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 23, 1948, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the reference is set up as "my report dated June 1, 1948, Grand Rapids, Michigan".

SA [redacted]
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The Inspector's remarks regarding the improper reference set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted] has been called to my attention. I apparently overlooked this improper reference upon my approval of this report. However, I will see that such errors do not occur in the future.

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SAC, New York City

September 8, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

It is requested that you refer to the Bureau's letter of June 2, 1944, with respect to the captioned matter and advise exactly what action you have taken to comply with the Bureau's request.

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b7C Indianapolis, Indiana	8/4/44	6/27, 28; 7/7,8,10,18/44	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - [redacted]

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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The Gary branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees joined with the NAACP [redacted]

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Indianapolis June 3, 1944.

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DETAILS: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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According to the July 15 issue of the Indianapolis Recorder, the local negro newspaper, the drive of the NAACP for new members closed with a total membership of approximately 1,000. The newspaper stated that the organization was highly pleased with the number of new recruits.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
[redacted]

AT GARY and EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA.

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[redacted] stated that she is a b7C member of the NAACP but very rarely attends meetings due to the fact that politics predominates in the meetings. Furthermore, she states that the organization itself is more or less inactive and does not have a regular program. She was unable to give any information relative to the recent membership drive.

[redacted] b7C b7D stated that he is a member of the Gary branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees. He advised that recently the Gary branch affiliated itself with the NAACP.

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On May 14, 1944, the "Chicago Sunday Sun" carried an article entitled "Postal Alliance Affiliates with NAACP." The article stated that in the regular monthly meeting the Gary branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees linked itself with the local branch of the NAACP. The alliance became an affiliate member of the latter organization. It was further stated that the alliance has not before identified itself with outside organizations.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana.

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At Muncie, Indiana.

* Will follow and report the activities of the Muncie formed organization at that city and report results of current membership drive.

At Anderson, Indiana.

* Will maintain contact with informants at that place and report progress of membership campaign.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the New York office inasmuch as the national headquarters of this organization is at that city.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.	INTERNAL SECURITY (X)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[redacted] Living accommodations secured by the Indianapolis chapter for negro students at Indiana University, which has been previously denied them. Executive committee provides free legal counsel for negroes who recently purchased property in white residential areas. Whites have organized a civic league to combat infringement of negroes moving into this area. Chapters also active at Muncie, Kokomo, and Anderson, Indiana, where efforts are being made to increase membership.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, August 4, 1944.

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[redacted] stated that in his opinion the [redacted] in the State of Indiana was doing a good piece of work, and that the organization was [redacted] possible for the negro.

[redacted]

It was the opinion [redacted] that too many negroes in Indianapolis have joined the organization for the prestige it gives them rather

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than to help promote the aims of the organization. It was his opinion that the organization was in no way subversive; has contributed considerably to the betterment of racial conditions in Indianapolis.

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The Indianapolis Recorder, the local negro newspaper, on August 29, 1944, carried an article advising that [redacted] STOKES, prominent Indianapolis worker in the NAACP, had spoken to the Eunice (Indiana) chapter earlier in the month, at which time the chapter secured its charter. STOKES in his speech to the organization stated that better racial conditions could be brought about through the efforts of liberal white people and the better-thinking colored people.

The Indianapolis Recorder on August 29, 1944, also carried an article advising that Reverend H. [redacted] had addressed the NAACP chapter at Kokomo, Indiana, and gave a resume of the national convention meeting at Chicago earlier in the month.

In an article on August 5, 1944, the Indianapolis Recorder advised the Anderson chapter of the NAACP was planning a celebration of Emancipation Day on August 1, 1944. The article stated that plans were being made for the award, sponsored there by [redacted], the national secretary, and carried the names of the following members as officers:

[redacted], President
[redacted], Vice President

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HERSCHEL PATTERSON, Executive Secretary
Mrs. ELLEN E. JACKSON, Treasurer
HERBERT CARTER, Field Worker

On Saturday, September 9, 1944, an article appearing in the Indianapolis Recorder stated that the executive committee had persuaded the Indiana University officials to provide living accommodations for negro students at that school. The article further stated that seventeen students had been sleeping on chairs and on the floor and that the University had made no attempt to remedy the situation.

An article appearing in the Indianapolis Recorder of September 9, 1944, stated that two colored families moving into homes they had purchased on West 29th street, had been threatened with bodily harm and destruction of their houses on the preceding Sunday by a mob of 500 whites who resented their presence in what had been declared a restricted district. The article further stated that the N.A.A.C.P. was taking an active interest in the situation and was furnishing legal counsel to all negroes who had purchased property in the protested area.

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INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana

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At Muncie, Indiana

* Will follow and report the activities of the Muncie formed organization at that city and report results of current membership drive.

At Anderson, Indiana

* Will maintain contact with informants at that place and report progress of membership campaign.

At Kokomo, Indiana

Will follow and report the activities of the Kokomo organization and report names of officers, activities and aims of instant organization.

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the New York office inasmuch as the national headquarters of this organization is at that city.

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October 10, 1944.

Director, FBI

RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY - X.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated September 5, 1944, in the above captioned case, please be advised that a yearly subscription has been entered by this office in the usual manner to the magazine "The Crisis", the official publication of the subject organization.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SAC - New York City

October 13, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Bureau has requested in previous communications to you, that you discreetly obtain future issues of the publication "Crisis", the official organ of the subject organization, and forward them promptly to the Bureau. The original request was made by communication dated June 2, 1944. To date the files fail to reflect any response on your part to the Bureau's request. It is desired that you advise promptly exactly what action you have taken in this regard.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 16, 1944

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 13, 1944, concerning the above captioned subject organization in which this office is requested to obtain future issues of the publication "CRISIS", official organ of the NAACP.

This office has discreetly arranged for a one year subscription for the publication and the Bureau will be furnished with each copy as it is received by this office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 21, 1944

FROM : SAC, Savannah

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY

An item appearing in the Savannah Tribune reports that a state NAACP is to convene at Macon, Georgia November 10 and 11, 1944. Doctor RALPH MARK GILBERT, President of the Savannah branch of the organization, is also president of the state conference.

It is suggested that the Atlanta Field Division make appropriate arrangements to have informant coverage of this conference, and that the Savannah Field Office receive copies of the reports reflecting the information obtained concerning the conference.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 8/30/44 at Grand Rapids.

DETAILS: AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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* At Benton Harbor, Michigan, will ascertain the names of the executive committee of the NAACP [redacted]

* At Kalamazoo, Michigan, will continue to report on the activities of the NAACP chapter at Kalamazoo.

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* At Muskegon, Michigan, will ascertain the names of the executive committee and the remainder of the officers of the NAACP and continue to report Communist activities in that chapter.

* At Niles, Michigan, will ascertain the names of the officers and executive committee of the NAACP [redacted]

* At Cass County, Michigan, will attempt to ascertain the meeting place of the NAACP in Cass County, the officers and executive committee [redacted]

In all of the above leads concerning the NAACP, the frequency and places of meeting should be determined.

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TITLE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 15, 1944 at Richmond, Virginia.

DETAILS:

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b1 [redacted] advised that the Richmond Council of the NAACP has neither brought forward any action or proposed action during the past several months. There has been no indication of any subversive activities by the NAACP in Virginia during the past several months according to [redacted]

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[redacted] is a member of the Virginia League for Peoples Education.

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[redacted] has advised that the name of Reverend JAMES R. JOHNSON appears on a list of 1250 persons, reported by the Daily Worker, alleged organ of the Communist Political Association, to have signed a petition denouncing the Dies Committee and urging Congress to withdraw its funds. According to the Daily Worker, this list of names was allegedly made public by the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties.

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On July 18, 1944 one HAROLD [redacted], white, was shot and killed by WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH, colored, at Roanoke, Virginia. According to [redacted] the indictment and trial of SMITH created no unusual racial tension at Roanoke, since the public felt that the Court and public officers would give SMITH a fair and unbiased trial.

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b7D [redacted] has summarized the situation at Danville as follows:

The Danville Police Department is intensely disliked by the colored residents because of their alleged brutal handling of negroes while making arrests in performance of their duties.

In cooperation with the Progressive League and other colored organizations in Danville, the NAACP has presented a Petition to the Roanoke Police Commission, requesting appointment of negroes to the Danville Police Force for use in the negro sections of the City.

[redacted] it was not expected that favorable action would be taken in regard to this request. Moreover, the Danville Chapter of the NAACP has filed a petition urging the addition of a colored High School. Another possible source of racial tension indicated [redacted] is the present situation at the Danville Cotton Mills, where the two white locals recently voted to amalgamate with the one colored local in order to end alleged discrimination against the negro at that Plant.

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Subsequently, the white locals resigned their action favoring amalgamation but according to [redacted] amalgamation will never actually happen and the Danville NAACP is not presently taking any specific action in regard to this matter.

The Richmond Afro-American for October 7 1944 carries an article, stating that the Youth Council of the Richmond NAACP is now conducting a sixty-day campaign for the enrollment of 500 additional members. In conjunction with this drive, the Council is sponsoring a City-wide Better Public Conduct Campaign, with special emphasis being placed on the conduct of young people on street cars, buses and other public places.

On November 17th to 19th, 1944, the Youth Councils and College Chapters of the NAACP will hold a Conference at the Virginia University according to an article appearing in the Richmond News Leader under date of September 26, 1944.

From a review of the above data, it appears that while there is no evidence of subversive activity by the NAACP in Virginia, that

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foreign inspired infiltration is indicated on the part of individual members of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE at Roanoke, Virginia.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informants for the purpose of obtaining any proof that the NAACP at Roanoke is controlled or influenced by foreign inspired organizations.

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Will follow and report the activities of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Washington Bureau of NAACP established June 1, 1942; considered the national association's most important new venture with the principal duty to maintain a constant watch over all Congressional bills and resolutions affecting the welfare of negroes. Total membership in Washington, D. C. in 1943, was 5000. District of Columbia chapter of NAACP conducted membership drive in February and March, 1944, and total membership became 8075. More white persons enrolled in 1944 than any previous year. Civil rights committee of students branch of NAACP at Howard University on several occasions has organized picket lines in protest against alleged discrimination by white restaurants against negroes. In June, 1944, WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dean of Howard University Law School and former Federal Court Judge in Virgin Islands, became president of District of Columbia chapter of NAACP. Organization more militant as result of his leadership. Association has vigorously supported passage of bill by Congress for permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee. Generally the organization has injected itself into issues concerning alleged discrimination against negroes in employment, housing facilities, segregation of white and negro blood plasma at the blood donor center, segregation of white and negro veterans in rest centers and hospitals, alleged mistreatment of negroes in the armed forces, and alleged activities of white terrorists in Southern states. Recently, GRANT REYNOLDS, Administrative Assistant of Washington Bureau of NAACP, resigned to take more active part in work of Non-Partison Council for Abolition of Discrimination in military and veteran affairs. No explication

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that organization is engaged in subversive activity but is active in program of freedom for negroes from alleged discrimination.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 11, 1941, at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On June 1, 1942, the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was established at 100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The establishment of the Washington Bureau was considered as the national association's most important new venture and its duties were as follows:

(1) To maintain a constant watch over all Congressional bills and resolutions affecting the welfare of the negroes;

(2) To examine the policies of the Federal Departments and Agencies handling the armed services, employment, housing, etc;

(3) To prepare memoranda briefs to support good legislation or to oppose bad legislation;

(4) To inform the country on such measures; and

(5) To cooperate with other organizations interested in the same or similar objectives.

At the time the Washington Bureau was established, Reverend ARTHUR B. [illegible] became its initial president and LESLIE S. [illegible] and FRANK D. [illegible] were administrative assistants. MARY McLEOD [illegible] was a vice-president of the national association. She is the president of the National Negro Council for Women at Washington, D. C. On the Board of Directors of the national association are the following persons from Washington, D. C.: WILLIAM [illegible] LESLIE, Dr. ELIZABETH [illegible], and FRANCIS [illegible] WILLIAMS.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE is chairman of the National Legal Committee and the Washington members of this committee are CHARLES H. HOUSTON, EDWARD P[illegible], W. ROBERT [illegible], Jr., JAMES M. NABRIT, Jr., and LEON A. [illegible]SON. WILLIAM HASTIE is Dean of the Howard University Law School and was formerly civilian-aide to Secretary of War STIMSON. Prior to his service in that capacity, he acted as a Federal Court Judge in the Virgin Islands.

The head of the legal staff is THURGOOD MARSHALL, whose legal defense work in behalf of the NAACP carried him to all sections of the country during 1942. The national legal committee consists of 29 lawyers, white and colored, in 18 cities. The executive secretary of the national organization is WALTER WHITE and the assistant secretary is ROY WILKINS, who is also editor of "The Crisis", the official organ of the NAACP since 1910.

A chronological resume of the diversified activities of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP since its inception, are set forth as follows:

December, 1942:

The NAACP renewed the fight against the poll tax at the fall opening of the 78th Congress. The stand taken by the association was the abolition of the poll tax in eight Southern states.

January, 1943:

The association directed Secretary of War STIMSON's attention to discrimination against negroes in armed forces.

February, 1943:

Judge WILLIAM H. HASTIE, chairman of the adio committee of the local branch of the NAACP was appointed as the key worker in the 1943 membership drive of the local branch. It is to be noted that on January 31, 1943, HASTIE resigned his position as civilian aid to the Secretary of War in protest against the unfair treatment of the negroes by the armed forces as alleged by him.

March, 1943:

Local NAACP requests larger representation of colored people on public agencies. A resolution expressing opposition to the proposed

establishment of a second all colored fire department station house was unanimously adopted.

April, 1947:

Civic Rights Committee sponsored by the Howard University chapter of the NAACP began an intensive campaign to urge passage of the BARBOUR-POWELL Equal Rights Law for the District of Columbia. In line with this campaign, Howard University students picketed several local restaurants as a result of their refusal to serve colored persons.

July, 1947:

The District of Columbia branch of the NAACP inaugurated a series of membership meetings aimed at the organization of NAACP clubs in Washington schools, churches, and other institutions. There was continued pressure on Congressmen for passage of the pending Civil Rights Bill for the District of Columbia.

August, 1947:

The District branch of the NAACP viewed the opening of the Hearthstone War Workers Club at 1703 - 11th Street, N. W. as a major defeat for Democracy in that it extended the pattern of segregation.

January, 1948:

WALTER HINE of the NAACP asserted that the increased efforts by Communists to spread their doctrines among the colored people should serve as a warning to the Democratic and Republican parties who have been "using the negro as a political football". He pointed out that recently schools in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles had come under Communist control.

ALDRIDGE ROSS was elected vice-president of the NAACP Youth Council in Washington, D. C. and BEATRICE HOLLOMON was elected assistant secretary. [redacted], Youth Council President, named committee members who were to deal with problems facing the council and community.

The annual report of the NAACP revealed that the membership of the District of Columbia chapter of the association for 1948, was 5210.

- RUTH L. HARVEY was elected president of the Howard University chapter of the NAACP and other officers elected were as follows:

AUGUSTA GOLDEN, Vice-President;
CARRIE BRADY, Secretary;
GLORIA FOSTER, Assistant Secretary;
BLANCHE WELLS, Treasurer;
ANDREW MOSS, Reporter; and
JOSEPH HOWARD, Chairman of the Civil Rights Committee.

Four major objectives for the year were decided upon by the NAACP Youth Council as follows:

(1) Demand by negro governmental clientele of respect and equal opportunities on the job;

(2) Education of negro business men in respect demanded of and given to his customers;

(3) Promote wholesome recreational activities for war workers and service people; and

(4) Support legislation favoring the Civil Liberties Bill for the District of Columbia.

EUGENE DAVIDSON was appointed chairman of the 1944 Membership Campaign of the Washington NAACP. He was formerly administrator of the New Negro Alliance and was then employed as assistant director of field operations of the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

February, 1944:

It was asserted that the annual membership drive by the NAACP was offering Washington teachers an opportunity to help thousands of teachers in the South and through them thousands of students.

May, 1944:

It was announced by Reverend ARTHUR D. GRAY, president of the District of Columbia branch of the NAACP that the annual membership campaign which started on February 12, 1944, had reached an enrollment of 3075, with contributions and membership fees totaling $11,913.75. Dr. GRAY stated that the NAACP which is a bi-racial organization had enrolled more white

persons in 1944 than in any previous year. The membership goal was to secure 10,000 members in Washington, D. C. in 1944.

Howard University students identified with the Civil Rights Committee of the Howard University chapter of the NAACP, picketed Thompson's Restaurant at 1109 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., in protest against a refusal of the restaurant to serve negroes. Spokesmen for the group contended that they had no special grievance against that particular restaurant nor the Thompson firm, but that the protest was instituted because there are very few downtown restaurants in Washington, D. C. where negroes are allowed to eat.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special Counsel, and WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Chairman of the National Legal Committee of the NAACP, declared that all NAACP branches in the South had been advised to file complaints with United States Attorneys where negroes were barred from voting in the primaries.

It had been rumored that Dr. MORDECAI JOHNSON, president of Howard University, had ordered the Civil Rights Committee, the student's branch of the NAACP, disbanded at the University because it would open the University to attack by reactionary Congressmen in whose hands Howard University's appropriations rest from year to year. However, the national negro press association reported that Dr. JOHNSON had expressed a sympathetic attitude for what the students had been endeavoring to accomplish with some success but he felt that the same results could be achieved without the students making use of the University's name in their operations.

June, 1944:

Reverend ARTHUR D. GRAY as president of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, was succeeded in that capacity by WILLIAM H. HASTIE, Dean of Howard University Law School. It was expected that as a result of the new leadership of WILLIAM H. HASTIE the local group would become more militant in character. It was noted that the District of Columbia chapter of the organization had given its full support to the program started by the Howard University branch of the NAACP in picketing restaurants in the downtown area demanding interracial service. It was understood that the majority of the Howard University faculty approved of the ideas expressed by the group but opposed the activity on the ground that it might bring the University into disrepute among members of Congress. Reverend GRAY resigned his position as president in order to accept a pastorate in Chicago.

- July, 1944:

The NAACP pointed out that the Fair Employment Practices Committee fund was a very small part of the total amount that Congress voted this year for the war and operation of the government and the NAACP vigorously urged the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote favorably on the Fair Employment Practices Committee item in the National War Agencies appropriation bill for 1945.

GRANT REYNOLDS, Administrative Assistant in the Washington office of the NAACP, assumed such capacity to succeed LESLIE PERRY who was transferred to the New York office of the association to occupy a similar position. A graduate of Hampton Institute, Mr. REYNOLDS did college work in New York University before studying theology at Eden Theological Seminary in Oberlin. He entered the United States Army Chaplain Corps two years ago and served three consecutive terms as president of the Cleveland NAACP branch.

In a letter to Mr. PAUL V. McNUTT, Director of War Manpower Commission, the discriminatory practices of the USES were assailed by the Washington Bureau of the NAACP. The letter demanded that McNUTT order all of his field officers to cease requiring negro job seekers to use separate entrances or to be interviewed in segregated quarters or to fill requisitions of employers who seek workers by racial description.

August, 1944:

EARL J. ARDERS, NAACP Youth Council Delegate to the NAACP war time conference in Chicago, stated that the District of Columbia groups resolution proposing the establishment of a national planning and advisory committee of local NAACP Youth Councils, had been adopted by the war time conference. The resolution calls for a Youth Council Planning and Advisory Committee that would be composed of representatives of the local youth groups in college chapters.

September, 1944:

The executive board of the NAACP decided to set up a permanent housing committee as a result of the public attention focused on the critical colored housing shortage in Washington, D. C. The personnel of the committee were to be chosen at the October meeting of the board

The Washington Branch of the NAACP was one of the sponsors of

a mass meeting staged on September 4, 1944, at the Blood Donors Center, Acacia Building, 51 Louisiana Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. to protest the segregation of white and negro blood plasma. This was a peaceful meeting which, after about one hour, was disbursed by the Metropolitan Police because the group had not obtained a license from the District for such demonstration. WILLIAM H. HASTIE was the leader of this demonstration and in the October issue of "The Crisis", he assailed the deplorable spectacle of the use of the combined authority of the District of Columbia police and the Federal authority through the national park police in preventing a meeting which was particularly inspired for the purpose of increasing interest in blood donations for the armed services.

October, 1944:

The NAACP, the AFA Non-Partisan Council, and a group of prominent New York citizens were among those who protested to the president the anticipated plan of the Army for the establishment of separate re-distribution stations for white and colored overseas veterans returning to the States. The negro press carried statements to the effect that Major General SOMERVELL was being blamed for the decision of segregation by the Army.

WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, revealed that in the near future he intended to go to India. This announcement came after a conference in which he and two other negroes participated with the President.

THURGOOD MARSHALL, Special NAACP Counsel, arrived by plane in San Francisco, California to assist in the civilian defense of the 50 negro sailors charged with mutiny for refusal to load ammunition at the Mare Island Depot on August 9, 1944.

The Standard Oil Company, part of whose building in Washington, D. C. is leased to government agencies including the Fair Employment Practices Committee, was being urged to end discrimination in the canteen operated in the building by a private lessee who allegedly had refused to serve colored people or whites seen with them and the NAACP has exhibited an interest in the elimination of this discrimination.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE, NAACP President, sent a letter to Major General FREDERICK SOLLEY, Superintendent of Soldiers Home Hospital, and in that letter HASTIE protested discrimination through segregation of negro veterans.

Accompanied by representatives of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, J. LEONARD, one of the citizens of New Iberia, Louisiana who were

allegedly beaten and driven from their homes on May 16, 1944, had two lengthy conversations with VICTOR W. ROSSEL, Chief of the Civil Rights Section at the Department of Justice, in which it was urged that the Department begin immediate prosecution of white terrorists in New Iberia.

Letters protesting the dismissal of Mrs. [redacted], white dietician in charge of the 11 colored people from the Statler Hotel were sent to S. [redacted], President of the American Civil Liberties Union, National Lawyers Guild, Workers Defense League, and others. The local NAACP requesting that the letters be sent following dismissal of Mrs. [redacted] early in August for eating with the colored group, has demanded that Mrs. [redacted] be reinstated.

It was announced that GRANT REYNOLDS for two years a chaplain in the United States Army, and more recently an administrative assistant in the Washington Bureau of the NAACP, had resigned his post in order to participate more actively in the work of the Non-Partisan Council for the Abolition of Discrimination in Military and Veteran Affairs. In his letter of resignation, he charged that the government continuously indicates its unwillingness to protect colored veterans and soldiers against humiliation, abuse, and outright mob violence.

Discriminatory practices by the proprietor of a restaurant and canteen in the building housing offices of the Fair Employment Practices Committee and other Federal agencies were vigorously protested during the last week of October, 1944, by the NAACP in a letter to the Standard Oil Company, owner of the premises at 801 Constitution Avenue, N. W. The NAACP urges that all patrons and interested citizens mail in protests now against the renewal of a lease to a tenant occupying said premises participating in such un-American practices.

The NAACP has issued a statement praising the recently announced policy of the Navy to admit negro women into the WAVES and expressed the hope that the negro WAVES will be integrated into existing units rather than into Jim Crow Units.

Addressing a meeting of the Americans United for World Organization in the State Department during the latter part of October, 1944, Dr. W. E. B. DuBOIS, Director of the NAACP's Bureau of Research, declared that the Dumbarton Oaks Conference on the future world peace organization depressed him as a result of its passing over the matter of colonies in its deliberations. Other negroes attending the meeting in the State Department were WILLIAM H. HASTIE of the NAACP, and Mrs. [redacted] President of the National Council of Negro Women. In reference to the meeting, Mr. HASTIE observed that in inviting negro groups to participate, a small and wholesome beginning had been made toward recognition.

WILLIAM H. HASTIE denied the report that he had resigned from the National Citizens Political Action Committee.

Under the auspices of the District of Columbia branch of the NAACP and cooperating organizations, a mass meeting was held in Washington, D. C. on October 22, 1944, to urge support for the passage of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee act by Congress. There were several speakers at this meeting, all of whom urged the advisability of one necessity for such legislation. The meeting was attended by approximately 700 people and about 90% of those present were negroes. This constituted the most recent activity of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP with a broad scope.

Inasmuch as investigation has not disclosed any activity on the part of this organization which is subversive in nature, this case is being closed subject to being reopened after consideration of future activity of the organization.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: State Convention, NAACP, held at Enid, Oklahoma, on 10-19 and 10-20-44. [redacted]

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